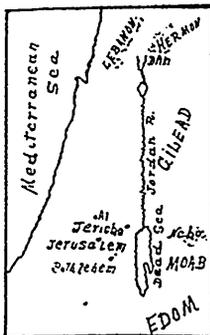


trust in the Saviour whom we cannot see. Received his sight ; and along with it the salvation of his soul. Followed Jesus ; making the best use of his restored sight.

THE GEOGRAPHY LESSON



The road over which Jesus traveled when He started to go from Jericho up to Jerusalem is still used as a public highway. Donkeys or camels with heavy loads on their backs are plodding over the road, and considering the burdens which they have to carry, we can understand why the road climbs the hills by broad, easy zig-zags instead of going straight. The Jericho where Bartimæus and Zacchæus lived, stood not

exactly on the site of present-day Jericho, but on a part of the plain now bare.

BLINDNESS IN THE EAST

Blindness is very common in Eastern countries. It is said, that while in northern Europe only one out of a thousand persons is blind, in Egypt there is one blind in every hundred. Perhaps blindness is more common in Palestine than in any other land, and is sorely aggravated by dirt and flies.

LESSON QUESTIONS

46, 47 What country had Jesus left ? What river had they crossed ? Where was Jericho ? Who were the multitude with Jesus ? Who sat by the roadside begging ? What does Bartimæus mean ? How was he afflicted ? What are some common causes of blindness in the East ? How did Bartimæus learn that Jesus was passing by ? How did the blind man address Jesus ? What did he ask ? Where is it said that the Lord's mercy is "from everlasting to everlasting ?" (Ps. 103 : 17.)

48, 49 Who rebuked Bartimæus ? Why did they do this ? What command did Jesus give ? What was said to Bartimæus ?

50 How did Bartimæus act ? Explain "garment." How can we come to Jesus ? Will Jesus cast out any one who comes to Him ? (John 6 : 37.)

51, 52 What question did Jesus ask ? Why did He ask this ? What did Jesus say had made Bartimæus whole ? What is faith ? Show that we are saved through faith. (Eph. 2 : 8.)

FOR DISCUSSION

1. Are those who believe in "faith healing" right ?
2. Is it easier or harder to come to Jesus now than when He was on earth ?

A PRAYER

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God Almighty ! We thank Thee for opened eyes so that we know our sins and our needs of Thee. We thank Thee for the fountain that flows for our cleansing ; we praise Thee for the presence of Him who is the Light of all that sit in darkness. Illumine our darkness, we beseech Thee, and may we who see, point others in darkness to Thee, the Light of the world. Amen.

Prove from Scripture—*That God gives comfort.*

Shorter Catechism—*Ques. 96. What is the Lord's Supper ? A. The Lord's Supper is a sacrament, wherein, by giving and receiving bread and wine, according to Christ's appointment, his death is showed forth ; and the worthy receivers are, not after a corporal and carnal manner, but by faith, made partakers of his body and blood, with all his benefits, to their spiritual nourishment, and growth in grace.*

The Question on Missions—3. Amongst what race of the inhabitants do our missionaries work ? Amongst the East Indians who are brought from British India to work on the sugar estates. From 2,000 to 4,000 of these arrive each year. There are now about 130,000 of them in the colony, forming nearly one half of the population.

Lesson Hymns—Book of Praise : 439 (Supplemental Lesson), 151, 154, 86 (Ps. Sel.), 344 (from PRIMARY QUARTERLY), 152.

FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. Give the appeal of Bartimæus to Jesus.....

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2. What hindrances were put in the way of Bartimæus' coming to Jesus?.....

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3. How did Jesus treat Bartimæus?.....

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